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**54) Image signal coding and decoding and image signal recording medium.**

(57) The present invention reproduces an input image of half the normal resolution with respect to the vertical and horizontal directions by processing a coded bit stream of a normal resolution.

Difference signal (mismatching error signal) representing the difference between a predicted image of the normal resolution and a predicted image of a half resolution with respect to the vertical and horizontal directions is coded and the coded difference signal is transmitted. When producing the predicted image, image data is subjected to motion compensation according to a specified prediction mode.

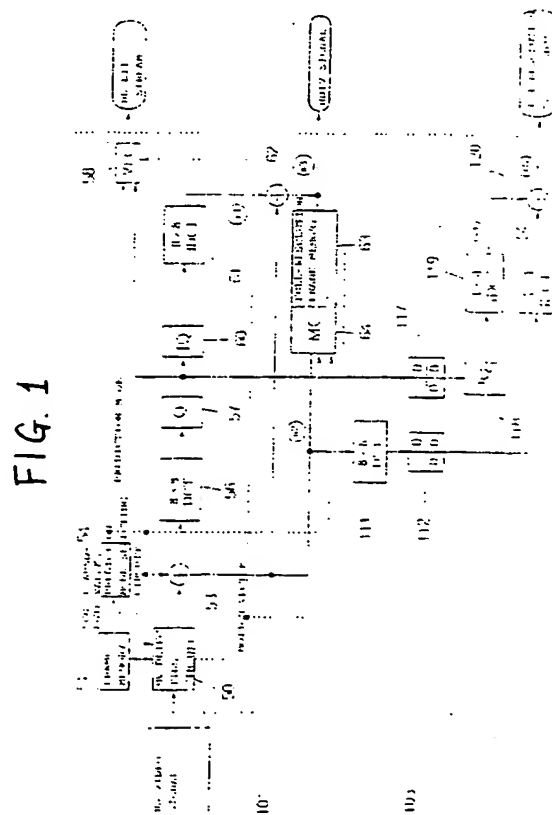


FIG. 1

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The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

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- ☐ Only part of the claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims and for those claims for which claims fees have been paid, namely claims:
- ☐ No claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims.

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1. Claims 1-27, 29-33 : Multistandard video codec using the difference of the predicted signal and a low frequency part of the DCT-coefficients.
2. Claim 28 : Image signal decoder using different DCT-coefficients in case of frame/field-DCT when decoding interlace images..

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